

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Iowa

VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

Additional amounts are allowed in the personal needs allowance when:

- ◆ The person has earned income. An additional \$65 is added to the ongoing personal needs allowance from the earned income only.
- ◆ The person has home living expenses in the month of entry.
  - A single person is given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for a single person.
  - Spouses who enter a medical institution in the same month and whose eligibility is determined together are given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for a couple.
  - Spouses who enter a medical institution in the same month and whose eligibility is determined separately are each given an allowance for stated home living expenses during the month of entry, up to one-half of the amount of the SSI benefit for a married couple. However, if the income of one spouse is less than one-half of the SSI benefit for a couple, the remainder of the allowance is given to the other spouse.
  - When the community spouse enters a medical institution in a later month, that spouse is given an allowance for stated expenses during the month of entry, up to the amount of the SSI benefit for one person.
- ◆ The person has home living expenses in the month of discharge. The person is given an allowance in the amount of the SSI benefit for one person (or for a couple, if both members are discharged in the same month). This allowance does not apply when a spouse is at home.

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State: IowaELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT (Continued)

The income and resource methodologies that the less restrictive methodologies replace are as follows:

- All income was considered for purposes of the 185% gross income test.
- Income of full-time students under the age of 19 was considered if the person was also a parent. Only the earnings of a child who was a full-time student attending high school or an equivalency program were disregarded.

       The agency terminates medical assistance (except for certain pregnant women and children) for individuals who fail to meet TANF work requirements.

  X   The agency continues to apply the following waivers of provisions of Part A of Title IV in effect as of July 16, 1996, or submitted before August 22, 1996, and approved by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1997.

Income Methodologies - Earned Income Disregards

- Waiver of Section 402(a)(8)(A)(ii) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(11)(i)(B). The work expense disregard for applicants and recipients is changed from \$90 to 20% of gross earnings.
- Waiver of Section 402(a)(31) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xiv)(A). The work expense disregard for stepparents is changed from \$75 to 20%.
- Waiver of Section 402(a)(39) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xviii). The work expense disregard for parents who live in the same home as a child who is a minor parent is changed from \$75 to 20%.
- Waiver of Sections 402(a)(8)(A)(iv), 402(a)(8)(B)(ii), 402(a)(31), and 402(a)(39) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xiv), 233.20(a)(3)(xviii), 233.20(a)(11)(i)(C), and 233.20(a)(11)(ii)(B). The \$30-and-1/3 earned income disregard is replaced with a work incentive deduction equal to 50% of the earned income remaining after all other deductions are subtracted. The deduction applies to applicants, recipients, stepparents, and parents who live in the same home as a child who is a minor parent. The 50% disregard is not time-limited.

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State: IowaELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT (Continued)

- Waiver of Section 402(a)(31) of the Act and CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xiv). Stepparents not receiving assistance are allowed to receive a child care disregard for the stepparent's dependents.
- Waiver of Sections 402(a)(8)(A)(ii), 402(a)(8)(A)(iii), 402(a)(8)(A)(iv), 402(a)(31), and 402(a)(39) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(xiv), 233.20(a)(3)(xviii), 233.20(a)(11)(i)(B), 233.20(a)(11)(i)(C), 233.20(a)(11)(i)(D), and 233.20(a)(11)(ii)(B). Earnings for the first four months of new (self) employment (work transition period) for applicants, recipients, stepparents, and parents who live in the same home as a child who is a minor parent are disregarded if:
  - The person has had less than \$1,200 in earnings in the 12 months before the new work began; and
  - The new (self) employment is reported timely; and
  - The new employment begins after the date of application.

Income Methodologies - Other Income Disregards

- Waiver of Sections 402(a)(7)(A), 402(a)(31), and 402(a)(39) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii), 233.20(a)(3)(xiv), and 233.20(a)(3)(xviii). Interest and dividend income of any person whose income must be considered when determining eligibility is disregarded.
- Waiver of Sections 402(a)(7)(A), 402(a)(31), and 402(a)(39) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii), 233.20(a)(3)(xiv), and 233.20(a)(3)(xviii). Income deposited into individual development accounts (IDAs) is disregarded.

Deprivation Requirements - Unemployed Parent

- Waiver of Section 402(a)(41) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.101(a)(1)(i), 233.101(a)(3)(i), 233.101(a)(3)(iii), 233.101(a)(vi)(A), 233.101(c)(1)(iii), and 233.101(c)(1)(iv). The principal wage earner provisions, the 100-hour requirement, and the six-quarter work history requirement are eliminated.

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State: IowaELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 1931 OF THE ACT (Continued)Resource Standards

- Waiver of Section 402(a)(7)(B) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(i)(B). The asset limit is increased to \$2,000 per assistance unit for applicants and \$5,000 for recipients.
- Waiver of Section 402(a)(7)(B)(i) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(i)(B)(2). The vehicle asset limit is increased to \$3,000 effective July 1, 1994, with annual increases based on the consumer price index, for each adult and working teenager in the household.
- Waiver of Section 402(a)(7)(B) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(i)(B). The balance in an individual development account is disregarded.

Income and Resource Methodologies

- Waiver of Section 402(a)(7) of the Act and 45 CFR 233.20(a)(3)(ii). Incentive payments and bonuses for applicants and recipients participating in focus groups and longitudinal surveys is disregarded.

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